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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Jos Bastiaens, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/815,267) Group Art Unit: 1711
Filed: March 31, 2004)
For: FLAME RETARDANT EXPANDABLE)
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COMPOSITIONS AND PREPARATION)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2005. A petition for extension of time to extend the period for reply to September 12, 2005 is submitted herewith. Please amend the Application as follows: